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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 26, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN R. CURTIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. As the Members of this people's House return to their respective districts for the August recess, grant them the generosity to serve You as You deserve, to give of their industry and not count the cost, to fight for their convictions and not heed the political wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labor and not ask for reward, except for knowing that, in being their best selves, they do Your will.

Bless the Members' constituents, many of whom will be traveling with their families in the month to come. May their recreation be safe and their time together time to be remembered with great joy.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BROWN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWN of Maryland led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING SARA CATALAN

(Mr. ROYCE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to my deputy chief of staff, Sara Catalan, for her many years of service to the people of our congressional district. I am indebted to her for her faithful service, her good work, sound judgment, and perseverance.

Constituents have often thanked me for the attention and assistance they received from her and the dedicated district staff that she put together and managed.

Her passion for public policy is evident to all who have worked with her. She has been vital to my outreach and proactive engagement with the diverse communities of the district, ensuring that everyone is heard.

She has also been valuable in assisting me with my efforts to prevent stalking, support victims of crime,

strengthen education, and combat human trafficking. I have always relied upon her counsel and appreciate her forthrightness and her integrity.

As she leaves my office and begins the next phase of her career working for a member of the California State Senate, I know she will continue to serve the people of California well.

REUNITE EVERY CHILD IMMEDIATELY

(Mr. BROWN of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, today is the deadline for the Trump administration to reunite more than 2,500 children with their families. It is clear to me that they are not going to make this deadline.

Hundreds of parents have been deported without their children. HHS has not been able to identify the parents of nearly 100 children.

Even when the administration reunites children and parents, there is only chaos and confusion:

Reunifications are occurring in parking lots in the middle of the night;

Parents are not being informed of their rights and are desperately giving up their chance to stay in this country. They don't have access to lawyers;

After reunification, there is no rationale in deciding which families are released and which are sent to detention centers.

This entire process is unacceptable and abhorrent. That is why I am introducing legislation to immediately appoint a single authority to oversee reunification across the government. We need someone to effectively manage this process.

No more excuses. No more delays. Mr. Speaker, we have to reunite every child immediately.

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CONGRATULATING BROOKVILLE EQUIPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brookville Equipment Corporation on its centennial anniversary.

For 100 years, Brookville Equipment Corporation has been a leading American manufacturer of diesel locomotive engines, street trolleys, and mining machinery.

In 1918, Mr. L.A. Leathers founded Brookville Locomotive Works when he started installing railroad wheels on gasoline-powered trucks. The company went into full-scale production of gasoline- and diesel-powered locomotives following World War I.

Over the course of its history, Brookville has constantly redesigned and adapted its machines with new technology to keep up with thriving industry needs.

It has also prevailed over many challenges, including a flood on July 19, 1996, where more than 8 feet of water nearly drowned the company. With the help of Brookville's dedicated workforce, its family and friends, they were able to restore the facility to 100 percent production in just 1 month.

The U.S. Small Business Administration recognized Brookville for its resilience with an award in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, since 1918, the name Brookville has meant quality. I wish them much continued success for years to come.

ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR UPDATED CRITICAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on January 13, earlier this year, there was a text message that was sent out to over a million phones across the State of Hawaii that read: "Ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii. Seek immediate shelter. This is not a drill."

Now, this turned out to be a false alarm, but this message terrified residents and visitors all across our State and revealed deep gaps within an alert system, preparedness measures, and communication channels at every level of government.

In the months since, my colleagues from Hawaii and I have introduced several pieces of legislation to address the problems that led to and contributed to this false alert going out so that we can try to prevent something like this from happening again, not only in Hawaii but anywhere in the country.

We have introduced the READI Act to expand delivery of critical emergency alerts to cellphones, TVs, and radios; recognize, with technology, the

new ways that people are getting information; and see how we can get alerts through streaming services like Pandora, Spotify, Netflix, and others.

Ensuring that we take these steps now, ahead of any future disaster, is critical for every community across this country, and I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting and passing this timely and important legislation.

RECOGNIZING SAM SNIPE

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a legendary human being in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who is celebrating his 100th birthday.

Morrisville resident Sam Snipes has lived a life defined by service and community. Following in his father's footsteps in the legal community, Sam founded the Yardley firm Snipes & Collins after graduating from Temple Law School and Haverford College.

Sam served as a dedicated public servant for nearly three decades as the Falls Township solicitor. For his community service, Sam was honored with the United Way of Bucks County Founders Award and the Mark E. Goldberg Award from the Bucks County Bar Association, among many other distinctions.

Sam truly embodies dedication to our home of Bucks County. He still lives on the Snipes Farm, where he grew up, makes frequent appearances in parades and other community events, and serves on several boards.

Mr. Speaker, Sam is truly a legend, and we wish him a very happy 100th birthday and thank him for being a bright beacon of hope in our community in so many ways.

Happy birthday, Sam.

YOUTH DRUG ABUSE

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give a voice to millions of Americans who are at risk of being overlooked in our Nation's response to the opioid epidemic, America's youth.

Our Nation's opioid crisis knows no boundaries of geography or demographics, and age—age—is no exception. One of four individuals under the age of 20 has been prescribed opioids at some point in life, and 2.2 million young people between the ages of 20 and 24 abused opioids in the last year.

Opioid abuse early in life often leads to poorer academic performance, more negative health outcomes, and higher rates of future drug use.

In order to prevent the next generation of drug abuse, we have to ramp up our investment in critical programs like drug-free communities grants and

substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants.

We can also help young people build resilience by supporting our school-based health centers, where students are able to get healthcare in a convenient setting. When students are empowered to meet with healthcare providers, ask questions, and receive needed care, they can become powerful advocates in turning the tide of this epidemic around.

TRADE ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting my bill, H.R. 6483, the Trade Assistance for Farmers Act.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee and a proud representative of Delaware, where 99 percent of our farms are family owned and 1 in 4 acres are permanently preserved for farmland, we have seen firsthand the impact of retaliatory tariffs.

Over the past 60 days, soybean and corn farmers across the country have suffered over \$13 billion in losses, and, according to the Delaware Department of Agriculture, our soybean and corn farmers have lost \$28 million.

Delaware is a microcosm of the country, with beautiful beaches, thriving cities, and sprawling farms. We know how important agriculture is to our country and our communities.

My bill would create a permanent fix so that all farmers impacted by retaliatory tariffs can have the tools they need to stay competitive, regardless of who is in the White House.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support my bill.

CONGRATULATING MARIA McCLAIN

(Mr. McNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Maria McClain for being selected by the National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics as 1 of 10 2018 STEM teacher ambassadors.

For the past 22 years, Maria has been teaching mathematics at Deer Valley High School in my district in Antioch, California. She has twice been named Antioch Unified School District Teacher of the Year and Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year. Maria is also a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

As the only Ph.D. in mathematics in Congress, I have a great appreciation for STEM education and the rewarding impact it has on its students. I am especially thankful for the work Maria is